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## DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF OPEX COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO TOTAL CALL INTERNATIONAL, INC.

## STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 07-7

Comments Due: February 8, 2007

Reply Comments Due: February 15, 2007

On January 11, 2007, OPEX Communications, Inc. ("OPEX"), Total Call International, Inc. ("Total Call") and Premiercom Management Company ("Premiercom"), (collectively, "Applicants") filed an application, pursuant to section 63.04 of the Commission's rules, seeking authority to transfer control of OPEX to Total Call.<sup>2</sup>

Applicants submit that this transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules because, following the consummation of the proposed transaction: (1) Total Call will have a market share in the interstate, interexchange market of substantially less than ten percent; (2) Total Call will provide competitive telephone exchange services or exchange access services (if at all) exclusively in geographic areas served by a dominant local exchange carrier that is not a party to the transaction; and (3) neither of the Applicants are regulated as dominant with respect to any service<sup>3</sup>

Total Call, a privately-held California corporation, is a nationwide long distance reseller offering customers traditional long distance service, dial-up and DSL Internet services, VoIP, prepaid calling card and wireless services. The following U.S. citizens hold 10% or more of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R § 63.04; see 47 U.S.C. § 214.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Applicants are also filing an application for transfer of control associated with authorization for international services. Any action on this domestic 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

outstanding stock of Total Call: Mr. Mark Leafstedt (70%) and Mr. Daniel Ing (21.6%). No other person or entity holds 10% or more of the outstanding stock of Total Call. Total Call has one affiliate that offers resold wireless telecommunications services: Total Call Mobile, Inc.

OPEX, an Illinois corporation, is a long distance reseller offering customers traditional long distance service, toll-free-calling, calling card, mobile and fixed wireless, dial-up and dedicated Internet access, VoIP, conference calling and other Internet-based services. OPEX is also authorized to provide resold local telecommunications services in Kentucky, North Carolina, New Jersey and Wisconsin. OPEX is wholly-owned by Premiercom Management Company, a privately-held Illinois corporation that functions as a holding company. The following U.S. citizens hold 10% or more of the outstanding stock of Premiercom: Mr. Tom Jacobs (33.3%), Mr. John Wonak (33.3%) and Mr. Sean Trepeta (26.7%). No other person or entity holds 10% or more of the outstanding stock of Premiercom. OPEX does not have any affiliates that offer domestic telecommunications services.

Pursuant to the terms of a Stock Purchase Agreement ("Agreement") dated January 10, 2007, between Total Call and Premiercom, Total Call will purchase from Premiercom all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of OPEX for a note and cash. Following consummation of the proposed transaction, OPEX will become a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Total Call.

Applicants state that the proposed transaction will serve the public interest because OPEX and Total Call will continue to offer services under the same names and operating authorities as at present. Applicants maintain that the transaction involves no change in the entities offering service to consumers, or the services, rates, terms and conditions of such service. Applicants contend that the combination of these two companies should enable them to compete more effectively in the highly competitive market for telecommunications services.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The transfer of control identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer of control application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file **comments on or before February 8, 2007** and **reply comments on or before February 15, 2007**. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, Applicants are permitted to transfer the assets and related control on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the date of this notice. Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a).

Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.

eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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- Federal Communications Commission's Web Site: <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/">http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/</a>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
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- (3) Dennis Johnson, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B155, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: <a href="mailto:dennis.johnson@fcc.gov">dennis.johnson@fcc.gov</a>;
- (4) Susan O'Connell, Policy Division, International Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 7-B544, Washington, D.C. 20554; email: susan.o'connell@fcc.gov; and
- (5) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 8-C824, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: jim.bird@fcc.gov.

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